GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS IN PMF
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present strength of para military forces is sufficient to meet the demand of the country to fight terrorism, natural disaster etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of additional battalions sanctioned in different para military forces i.e. CRPF, ITBP, BSFand CISF during the last three years;

(d) whether in view of the increasing demand of para military forces by the State Governments, there is any plan to sanction some more battalions of para military forces;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken or being taken by Government in this regard to reduce the dependence on military to maintain law and order situation in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (f): The Government had set up an Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) on 16th March, 2000 to assess the future requirement of the forces in the country in the light of likely internal security situation and to reduce dependence on the Army for these duties. On the basis of the assessment made by the IMG, augmentation of forces, in a phased manner, has already been approved by the Government on 6th November, 2000. It will not be in public interest to give details of the augmentation and raising plans.